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My dear [redacted] 25X1A9a

Pursuant to your telephone conversation of September 7, 1952, with Mr. George W. Cale, the following information is submitted as further explanation of and justification for our request for supplemental funds to support the Bureau of Mines contributions to the National Intelligence Surveys.

In order to provide some of the basic data for incorporation in the NIS studies it has been necessary to expand and accelerate the operations of our International Trade Unit. While the name of this unit largely explains its functions, it should be pointed out that the requirements of NIS have made necessary reports with considerably more detail and much more promptness than would be needed in the normal course of operations. This unit is also concerned with prices of petroleum products in foreign countries, and in this matter, as in trade, this NIS work has imposed an additional load.

While those members of the Bureau's staff who are engaged exclusively in petroleum studies for NIS are fully competent in their field, they frequently have occasion to consult the technical specialists of the Bureau who are widely recognized as outstanding authorities in their fields. This is especially true in the matter of synthetic fuels, an area in which knowledge is limited to an extremely small group. While the services rendered by these technical specialists might be considered a function normally performed by one government agency for another, the demands on their time have reached such proportions that some measure of reimbursement seems reasonable.

In addition to the personal services described above, the NIS work imposes demands on the plant and equipment of the Bureau of Mines that have been provided for only nominally, if at all, in the regular working funds.

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The NIS petroleum staff occupy three rather large offices with a full complement of office machines and equipment. All of this represents a substantial investment of Bureau funds.

I hope that the above information will be sufficient to secure a transfer of funds from CIA to the Bureau of Mines in order that we may have some compensation for the collateral expenses that are incurred in performing NIS work.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
J.J. FORBES
Director

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